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**For: Product Support and Dispensing System For a Vending Machine**

Commissioner for Patents  
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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

Pursuant to Rule 37 C.F.R. §1.51(b), §1.56, §1.97, and §1.98, this Information Disclosure Statement is submitted in the above-identified patent application. A listing of documents to be published on the face of any patent granted from this application is submitted herewith on Form PTO-1449 with a copy thereof.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY**  
(Non-English Language Documents Only)

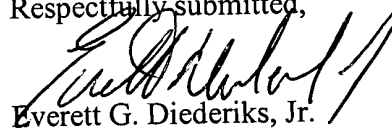
The Japanese reference cited in the Information Disclosure Statement generally pertains to a vending machine incorporating a particular product removal lid arrangement. An abstract in English is provided to aid the Examiner in considering the potential relevancy of the cited document.

**CERTIFICATION**

This Information Disclosure Statement is submitted within three months of the filing date of and/or prior to the issuance of a first Office Action in the above-identified U.S. patent application.

The Examiner is requested to acknowledge consideration of the information provided in this paper in accordance with prescribed procedures.

Respectfully submitted,



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### U.S. Patent Documents

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### Foreign Patent Documents

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	405342461	12/93	Japanese				

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